

SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicants thank Examiner Burgess for being available for, and participating in, a telephonic interview that occurred on March 17, 2010 in which the Applicants' representative discussed the differences between the claimed invention and the references cited (U.S. Publication No. 2004/0098286 to Zimmerman et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0095323 to Haq, and U.S. Patent No. 5,842,173 to Strum et al.) in support of the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection of the independent claims. Specifically, Applicants' representative brought to the attention of the Examiner that inventive aspects of the present invention are now recited by the claims and are not found in the combination of references as cited. For instance, one of the inventive aspects that was discussed involved the feature of providing separate drug-drug and drug-food association tables that interact with (a) information in the EMR, and (b) selected medications in the medication list that relate to the medical procedure scheduled for the person (there are three different sources of information involved in the matching process).

During the discussion, the Examiner indicated that this amendment may help clarify the distinction between the claimed invention and the cited references. Accordingly, this amendment has been incorporated in the appropriate claims.